DISCUSSING IT BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COINAGE, WEIGHTS AND MEASURES-

the House Committee on Coinage, Weights and Meas ares to-day. Regarding the bill which was prepared at the Treasury Department and introduced in the House by Representative Conger, Mr Windom said esent financial conditions. makeshift, that its author did not believe in it and at its purpose was to defeat some other measure. rency was necessary to take the place of the banknotes hope, if it became a law, of removing a large portion

of the variation in value of gold and silver. not believe it was possible for the United States to a ratio between silver and gold, and maintain was designed to adopt the ratio that the commercial Mr. Windom then took up in their order the obections that have been raised against his bill. The first difficulty to be overcome was that of excluding

steel stamp on every bar of silver bullion it duty of such assayer or refiner to stamp on an amount amount of foreign silver melted or refined the word hall be held to apply to silver products extracted tion, or any other metallurgical process in the United

athorizing the secretary to suspend the receipt of

shall see fit, to be redeemable in lawful motey.

A prominent senator identified with the silve interests says that the bill, while not wholl satisfactory to the silver men, will receive the support as the best that can be secured at the time. It will, in his opinion, have two good of suits—it will increase both the price of silver an the volume of currency. If the bill also provide for the colinage of the silver, it would add greatly its merit, as it would thereby, in this senator opinion, meet any possible objection that could be raised against it in Europe.

NO PATENT FOR BATTERY IMPROVEMENTS. Washington, Feb. 24.-Commissioner Mitchell, of the Patent Office, to day rendered an important decision denying the application of C. A. Faure for a patent for alleged new and useful improvements in condary electric batteries as a power for the propulsion of vehicles. It was urged on behalf of the applicant that he was the first to practically and commercially succeed in accomplishing the desired result that prior to his alleged invention chemical gen-erators of electricity had been employed to propel boats, engines and vehicles, but, owing to the weight of a cell of battery all the electrical energy it was

capable of generating was expended in moving itself. The Commissioner holds that the application of the Faure secondary battery to the propulsion of vehicle was an obvious use, requiring no change in the battery or in any of its parts to adapt it to the battery or in any of its parts to adapt it to the specified purpose; that its success was due to the success of the battery, and that to use a better lattery in a combination in which an infector one had been previously used did not involve the invention of a new combination for which the skilled mechanic would be entitled to a patent. The Commissioner further holds that the public are entitled to practise a given invention in all its obvious utilities, when the patent has expired, and may not be lawfully delibered from the enjoyment of it by subsequent patents seeking to monopolize uses which, although special, are at the same time recognized by personabilied in the art as pertaining to it.

THE QUESTION OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS. Mashington, Feb. 24.-A bri f executive seed n of the

Senate was field this afternoon, at which the matter of the publication of the proceedings of the executive session was under consideration. It is understood, however, that in accordance with the resolution of senator Dolph, of Oregon, offered in executive session several days ago, it was decided to make an inquiry into the method by which the newspapers secure their formation concerning the presented. information concerning the proceedings in executive

Toward the close of the special session of the Senate, last spring, Senator Teller, of Colorado. offered a resolution declaring that nominations by the President should be considered in legislative of open sessions of the Senate. This was referred to the Committee on Rules, where it has since remained. A meeting of this committee has been called for A meeting of this committee has been called for Wednesday morning, at which the resolution will be discussed in case a quorum is in attendance. It is expected that the majority—Senators Ingalls, Sherman and Harris—will report adversely to the pussage of the resolution, as they are opposed to any change in the policy of the Senate on the subject of executive sessions. Chairman Aldrich will make a strong report in favor of the adoption of the resolution, and, it is expected, will be joined by Senator Blackburn, who has previously supported the proposition it sontains.

FOURTH-CLASS POSTMASTERS APPOINTED. Washington, Feb. 24.-Fourth-class postmasters were appointed to day as follows:
Pennsylvania—Joseph Grange, Eldredsville; Mrs.

A. Starr, Talcose. New-York-W. S. Vandewater, Cedarhurst.

NOMINATED BY THE PRESIDENT. Washington, Feb. 24.-The President to-day sent to the Senate the following nominations:

Joseph A. Wingfield, to be Supervisor of Census, 111d Platrict of Virginia; Albert F. Price, United States Marshal, District of North Dakota. Withdrawn-Frank W. Winston, to be Supervisor of Census, 111d Virginia District.

THE PROPOSED MICHIGAN SHIP CANAL.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Notwithstanding the World's fair excitement, several of the Chicago World's Fair Committee appeared before the House Committee on Railways and Canals this morning and made an interesting argument in favor of a ship canal across the Michigan upper peninsula. This proposed canal, in the Michigan upper peninsula. This proposed canal, finding the Michigan upper peninsula. This proposed canal, the matter of the Standard forward the money to Parnell.

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which would be thirty miles long, would shorten the distance by water between Chicago and Duluth by 450 miles, and would bring the former city that distance nearer the great wheat region of the North-west. Moreover, vessels would no longer have to round the straits separating Lakes Superior and Michigan.

MR. CALL'S ATTACK ON MR. CHANDLER.

that are being retired. The bill was framed with the abuse which it may fairly be presumed he did not at large, too, which subscribes to "The Congressional

The victim of Mr. Call's insidious attack was Senator In speaking upon the assassination of bility for the outraging of women and the murdering households in the South, by men who were the emissaries of the New-Hampshire Senator. Idiotic Record" of the following morning. But such a thing Banquo's ghost, it will not down; and the ocean rape and murder of those tender white women and

privilege, drew the attention of the Scunte to this facts the floor of the

Washington, Feb. 24.-Senator duced a bill to establish in every county of each of the several states a United States Agricultural De-pository, to be under the control of the Treasury Department, and under conditions which prescribe that the average gross amount per annum of cotton, wheat corn, outs and tobacco produced and sold in each county for two years previously exceeded \$500,000. The bill further provides that any owner of cotton, wheat, corn, outs or tobacco may deposit the same in the nearest depository and receive therefor Treasury notes equal to eighty per cent of the net value of the enthusiastically carried with three cheers for General market price of the products. The manager of the Knapp and Congression Pavile. The meeting was depository shall give to the depositor a warehouse fer an automobiling farce and the whole fown is laughing market price of the products. The manager of the depository shall give to the depositor a warehouse is ceipt, showing the amount, etc., of the deposit; its celpt, showing the amount, etc., of the deposit, its value and the amount of notes advanced, but the interest on the money so advanced is at the rate of one per cent per annum. These deposit of cutton and other staples may be resterment in the holder of the warehouse receipt, at any depository, is the surrender of the receipt and the payment in lawful money of the same amount originally advanced to the depositor and such further amount as may be necessary to discharge all interest that may have as rued against it, and all insurance, warehouse and other charges.

THE ALASKA SEAL FISHERIES PRIVILEGES Washington, Feb. 24. secretary Windom said this afternoon that he proposed to take up the matter of the new lease of the Alaska scal fisheries privilege at once, and dispose of it as soon as possible. It would, however, he added, require at least several days' consideration. The hild of R. W. Stuart, L. & S. Wormser, T. W. Pearsall, A. E. Bateman, et al, has been withdrawn, which, with the two previously rejected by the secretary as informal, leaves only nine to be considered, and of these three are from the same company—The North American Commercial Componey of New York and San Francisco, J. Lieber, president of Lieber, president of Philosophics, on the question of the president of the Lievel Club realized nearly \$1,200 bers of historian and Socialists who came to be the president of the hy their fair.

The Plainfield Dicycle Club realized nearly \$1,200 bers of the Philosophics of the hy their fair.

American Federation of Labor, P. J. Metalize and John H. Kirschner, of Philosophics, on the question EOSELLE. to be considered, and of these three are from the same company. The North American Company of New York and San Francisco. J. Lacher, president Long written arguments were received by the Serze tary to day from eight of the hidders, in support of their respective hids and against the acceptance of any of the others. Each of the competitor requested that it be allowed to see and answer the arguments will need to such so arrangement, on the ground that it would result only in an interminable discussion. The only hidder which has not filed a supplementary argument in mapport of its hold is the Pacific Steam Whaling Company of San Francisco.

COST OF ELECTRIC LIGHTS FOR THE CAPITOL. Washington, Feb. 24.—In response to the request of the senate Committee on Rules for a report on the subject, Architect Clark, of the Capitol, loday presented his views upon the subject of lighting that building by electricity, together with an estimate of a hours of labor, until at last all organizations will account of his wife on eorganization at a time will secure a shortening of farmer who abandoned the dead body of his wife on eorganization at a time will secure a shortening of farmer who abandoned the dead body of his wife on eorganization at a time will secure a shortening of farmer who abandoned the dead body of his wife on eorganization as a time will secure a shortening of farmer who abandoned the dead body of his wife on saturday wight, yesterday level on the stock on his hullding by electricity, together with an estimate of

the cost, etc. He says that any one of the low voltage systems now in use will be satisfactory for lighting the Capitol and terrace. Mr. Clark estimates at \$169.470 the cost of the necessary plant to maintain 7,000 lamps of building by electricity, together with an estimate of ats hours of labor, until at last all organizations will cost of the necessary plant to maintain 7,000 lamps of sixteen-candle power each; the annual operating expenses he estimates at \$31,350. To light the ground will cost \$5.700 additional per annual. As this latter sum is greater than the cost of gas for the same purpose, he recommends that no change be made in lighting the grounds. Mr. Clark recommends that a power house, for bullets, dynamos, etc., be erected at power house, for bullets, dynamos, etc., be erected at power house, for bullets, dynamos, etc., be erected at a power house, for bullets, dynamos, et

Reform in the Civil Service was in session this morning, but did not examine any witnesses. Representative Ewart filed the formal charges against the Commission. They recite: First, that Charles Lyman, in April last, when acting as sole Commissioner, promoted his brother-in-law, Campbell, to a \$1,200 clerkship at the Commission; second, that Campbell, to January, 1888, secretly abstracted from the files a list of examination questions and gave them to a copyist a the Pension Office, who turned them over to one Typan, principal At the commission of the commission o Washington, Feb. 24.—The House Committee on Reform in the Civil Service was in session this morn Campbell's promotion was made by Lyman with full knowledge of the facts; fourth, that Commissioners Roosevelt and Thompson refresd to the facts; fourth, that Commissioners Roosevelt and Thompson refresd to the facts; for the facts of the facts; for the facts of the Roosevelt and Thompson refused to investigate the plays the leading role in the "Paymaster" company,

MR. FAULKNER OPPOSING THE BLAIR BULL. Washington, Feb. 24.-The Blair Educational bill day, and Mr. Faulkner addressed the Senate in opposi-Washington, Feb. 24 (Special).-Ordinarily Mr. Call. | selves at the threshold, which would have to be an

and went on to argue in support of his view of th

Washington, Feb. 24.—The secretary of the Treasur-fo day transmitted to the House of Representatives ible to tell until nearly a year after a paves the service whether or not be is the Government. The Secretary Per-

FAVORING THE LIGHT HOUR WORK-DAY.

A MASSAMI ETTINGS TO ACTUATE THE SUBJECT ADDRESSED BY SYMPLE GOMPHES

Cooper Union was well filled had night by the mem ; of the Crescent Learne.

that the eight hour movement, as advocated by the American Federation of Labor, is a solution for the The enforcement of the Sunday closing law by workday of eight hours, and without a strike,

was stabled last night by another actor, H. Bricker. The affray took place at the door of the Standard

NEWS FROM NEW-JERSEY.

Vice Chancellor Pitney granted a decree of divorce vesterday to Mrs. Matilda McVickar from her hus

Application was made to Chancellor McGill yes terday for the appointment of a receiver for the

Perth Amboy Electric Light Company. The liabilities are \$10,000. The Chancellor appointed Henry C. The investigation of the case of Mrs, Ellen Barry,

a waitress at the Snake Hill Lunatic Asylum, who has been dismissed, will be held to-day at the asylum. The investigation is being made on the demand of Mrs. Barry, who declares that she has been falsely accused. Harry Speers, the keeper accused, was suspended yesterday. Chancellor McGill yesterday, on the application of

the German American Bank of Kansas City, which holds a note for \$10,000 of the Southwestern Land

Jacob, who was drunk, demanded 50 cents from his mother, and on her refusal to give it whereupon Jacob, it is alleged, pulled out a razor and slashed him with it, cutting the old man in two or three places. The prisoner was committed for

Willie Cappar, age ten, of Union Hill, while at tending a ball with his parents at Ruth's Hall, Union Hill, on saturday night, fell down a flight of stairs and his skull was fractured.

PATERSON.

TO BUILD NEW FACTORIES.

McKee & Newman have bought a large tract near he Vreeland ave. station of the New York, Susque and Western Railroad, and will break gre president, Henry Lindenmeyer secretary and Otto Elterich superintendent, will soon build a factory 200x15 feet at Maywood, on the same railroad, be-tween Paterson and Hackensach.

grave diggers into uniform, and adopted the plan

MATHE GIVES BY HIS COMMISSION. Charles Mathe, a notary public of Carlotadt, having amount of \$40,000, has correntered his commission to too course Abbett. Mathe at first refused to sur to covering Abbett. Mathe at first refused to sur-render his commission, and the consernor had no power to remove him. Being informed that senator Winton had attraction a bill in the Legislature providing that persons holding commissions from the covernor shall have their commissions royaled when they have been convicted of any crime. Mathe sent his com-mission to covernor Abbett. Mathe has been con-lined in the Backersach laid for some time. He was treasurer of tarbitalt for soveral years.

NEW-BRUNSWICK ORGANIZING A NEW REFORMED CHURCH.
Through the exertions of the Rev. Dr. Mahon, of the
Theological seminary, a site has been secured on
which to erect a church of the Reformed denomination to Highland Park. The location is on the northeast corner of second axe, and Benner L, opposite the public school. The new church is started by members of the First Reformed Church, the membership of which is too large for one pastor to minister to peoperly. A fined of several thousand dollars has already been raised toward the erection of the church, which will be the fifth of the Reformed denomination in New Branswick.

PLAINFIELD.

An entertainment of amateur minstrelsy will be given n the Plainfield Opera House to night, by the members

Saturday night, yesterday levied on the stock on his farm. The largest creditor is said to be Frederick Gartz, a feed and grain merchant of Springfield ave., Newark. Broatheut's dead wife was buried yesterday by neighbors

Frederick Schilinger, burt at Lumley by the full of

Mayor Rankin is having the effect of driving from the streets the drunkards and leafers that formerly in fested their on Sunday night.

PASSAIC:

Dr. Horace A. Cleveland, of Indianapolis, Ind., will lecture in the Eaptist Church to night, under the anspices of the Kenilworth Club, on the "Vocation of Culture." Admission will be by invitation.

The resignation of the Rev. F. G. Webster from the pustorate of the First Congregational Church has The Rev. Samuel Vanderbeck, of Baltimore, was in

stalled on sunday as pastor of the True Reform Church, to succeed the Rev. John Berdan, who died recently at the age of ninety even. Delegates representing all the Hibernians of Passale County went to Passaic on Sunday and decided to save the expense of a St. Patrick's Day parade and

\$65,000. The company acquired ownership by fore- be sent to Albany.

closing a mortgage given many years ago by Samuel

A pin factory is about to be established in the old silk mill at Athenia, a suburb of Passaic.

ORANGE. The political situation in Orange has been again complicated by the decision of Mayor Hartford to accede to the wishes of his friends and again become

a candidate for Mayor. The People's Bank of East Orange opened its doors for business yesterday morning and the amount of

The congregation of the Orange Valley Congregational Church has extended a unanimous call to the Rev. Charles Savage of Enfield, Mass. Mr. Savage

inder the auspices of the Bureau of Associated Charities, will be given this evening in Music Hall. subject will be "The Treasures of the Rockles."

Bible readings, illustrated with stereopticon views ire to be given every evening this week in Union Hall under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temper

NEWARK.

THE BISHOP IS NOT SUPREME. A statement was published yesterday that Bishop Wigger had reconsidered his order requiring Catholics to send their children to the parochial schools instead of to the public schools. Monsignor Dome said yesterday that no pastoral letter had been issued by the Bishop on the question. The Bishop had no discretion in the case, and must obey the Church laws. He had to follow the decrees of Baltimore as of Rome, and the Church had long ago taken its position on the school question. The Bishop could exercise care and judgment in deciding how far the law was to affect the people, but he could do no more.

sioner Keasbey, with his wife and two children, had a narrow escape from a serious accident yesterday after-While out riding in a coupe the horse took fright and ran away, but was at last stopped by comjured.

The Metropolitan, a new club for social, reation and intellectual purposes, has filed articles of incorporation. The incorporators are Morris H. Neukut, Dr. Henry G. Nadler, Dr. Herman W. Gedicke and Sieg-

OTHER SUBURBAN TOWNS.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

TWO BROTHERS MYSTERIOUSLY DROWNED. plers. He had hardly secured the corpse when he

went to start in the old brick factory. . UP IN BUSY HARLEM.

THE HAMILTON EEPPHLICAN CLUB.

The regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hamilton Republican Club was held last might and business was transacted preparators to the mouthly meeting next Mooday might. It is expected that didner that members will be elected at that time. On Thursday might the Literary Association of the child will meet for debate. John S. Wise, of Virginia will lecture on the evening of March II, for the joint benefit of the child and the Grant Moonment Field.

The block bounded by Halsey and Macon sts. and Patchen and Ralph aves, sao by 200 feet, has been sold by William Zegler to Bernard Lexino for \$150, coop, and will be built upon. It was hoped at one time that a park for the Twenty-fifth Ward might be made of this plot.

Burglars broke into the clathing-store of Morris Steinberg, at No. 92 Myrtlesave, on sunday might, and stole clothing worth \$500. A partition had been trooken open. A man was arrested late on sunday night, with an overcoat on his arm, as a suspicious character, and after being locked up he said his name was Cassanora. The cont was identified yesterday as one of those stolen from steinberg's store.

Residents of South Brooklyn asked the Aldermen

HOW TO REACH THE NASHVILLE CONVENTION.

The fallowing circular in reference to the National Convention of Republican Clubs which will open in Nashville next Tuesday was a sned yesterday by the

Nushville next Tuesday was used yesterday by the Republican League of this State: Readquarters of the Republican League of the State of New York. No. 202 Fifth ave., New York.

Sir: You are one of the delegates selected to represent the Congressional District of this State at the National Republican League Convention to be field if Nashville, Tenn. on Narch 4, 1800. We desire to have Nashville, Tenn., on March 4, 1800. We desire to have every delegate attend. Will you kindly send word to Henry tileason, as below, as to whether you can accompany us or not, also state in the event of your not being able to go whether your afternate can attend. The New-York delegation will be joined by the New-England delegates, and will leave New-York tilty, from the foot of Libertyst, and North Rives, at 8 weeks,

gates, and will leave solvers, at S o'clock on Sanday morning, March 2, going over the Baltimere and Ohlo Railroad, being joined by other delegates en route, and meeting the Western delegates at Chelmath. The return trip will be decided by the delegates after The return trip will be decided by the delegates after reaching Nashville. The cost to Nashville and return will be full fare going and enethird returning (about 334 for round trip from New-Yora City). Sleeping car, meals, hotels, etc., will bring expenses to from 550 to 575. In case you intend joining with us, pre-rate on the necessary expenses for the trip, please send guarantee check for 525, payable to the order of toeorge Kenneth, treasurer. By order of the committee.

E. A. McAlpin, president; George Kenneth, treasurer; Williams H. Williams, P. H. McNamee, C. M. Smith, Henry Gleason, special secretary Transportation Committee, No. 106 Beckman-st.

THE HUGE PETITION ALMOST COMPLETED. signatures to the petition of the New-York Ballot Reform League received at headquarters to date have will be made at the March term of court to have the been tabulated as follows:

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Blank petitions will be furnished on application to Oliver Sumner Teall, Chairman Committee on Enrolment, No. 15 Cortlandt st. All signatures to the ment, No. 1a Cortainants.

petition to be enrolled must be sent to headquarters not later than noon of Friday. The petition will be satisfied in the window of No. 240 Fifth ave., between Twenty-seventh and Twenty eighth sts., from noon of Saturday until noon of Monday, when it will

AFFAIRS IN BROOKLYN.

TO REDUCE THE SINKING FUND.

MAYOR CHAPIN ADVOCATES IT IN HIS MES SAGE TO THE ALDERMEN.

ond message this year, discussing in it in detail a proposition he has before put forward of reducing the sinking Fund. The Mayor declares that the main object of the Sinking Fund in reassuring creditors has been done away with by the limitation of the city debt to 10 per cent of the taxable realty. The further security of a Sinking Fund when bonds are issued at the present plan of having bonds issued in regular series, so that no large amount falls due at once. The Mayor then sets forth the reasons why the city should cease contributing so largely to the fund. He arges that no contribution should be made by it from taxation which could reasonably be expected from any other source, and that it should be comprehensive and continuous principles. He then goes on to say :

goes on to say:

Ppon December 31, 1887, the Sinking Fund held \$7.849.540.59 in cash and securities; during the year 1888 debt to the amount of \$201,000, exclusive of tax certificates, was met and extinguished. Nevertheless, the fund upon December 31, 1888, had risen to \$8.825,782.53. During the year 1880 debt to the amount of \$101,000, exclusive of tax certificates, was met and extinguished, yet the fund has swollen till it now (February 3, 1890) holds \$10,495,902.19. The fund at present exceeds in amount the total city debt (exclusive of tax certificates) falling due between now and 1905. Upon December 30, 1882, the fund amounted to \$4.671,327.79. It has therefore considerably more than doubled in seven years, and its amount would apparently exceed \$20,000,000 before the close of the present century if the existing methods of angumenting it are continued. siderably more than doubled in seven years, amount would apparently exceed \$20,000,000 the close of the present century if the emethods of angumenting it are continued.

The Mayor shows that the gross city debt at the present time is \$41,523,303.78, including \$3,000,000 amounting to \$4.133,496.41. The water bonds may also be considered as met by the increase in water evenues, and the bridge bonds, for \$12,000,000, will be offset as they fall due by the Bridge revenues. These several deductions from the gross debt reduce its amount to \$12,795,000. This amount includes the park debt (\$9,236,000), the Arrearage Fund debt (\$2,350,000), the city bonds issued for arrearages of county taxes (\$545,000), and certain minor items.

The Mayor proceeds to show what amounts may properly be cancelled, from the sinking Fund, the sum being \$6,371,737.37, reducing the interest charge by \$314,000.50. A draft of a bill was submitted with the message, reconstituting the Sinking Fund upon a permanent, comprehensive and systematic basis, and it will be sent to the Legislature.

P. P. MAHONEY'S LAST WILL REJECTED. Surrogate Abbott handed down a decision yester

day refusing probate to the will of ex-Congressman the grounds for the action were incapacity and undue

DR. MARY A. D. JONES ACQUITTED. Testimony in the case of Dr. Mary A. Dixon Jones, who is charged with manslaughter in the second de-

FATALLY SHOT BY ACCIDENT

GATHERED ABOUT THE TOWN.

GLEANED FROM MANY QUARTERS.

To morrow night the second bowling match between the Barlem and the Barlem Democratic Clubs will feet deep, between Thirty seventh and Thirty selecth sts. be played on the alleys of the latter organization.

The Harlem Democratic Club will hold a meeting on Wednesday night to make arrangements for its annual Jefferson birthday anniversary dinner. On Friday evening of next week President Davion will entertain the members of the Executive Committee of the club at dimer.

The Harlem Republican Club's pool fournament will open to morrow might. It is probable that a whist fournament will soon be played.

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Discussing The Question or the capture of the twenty third ward Republican Association.

Nearly fifty members of the Commonwealth Club dired at Morello's last evening, and afterward listened to a discussion on the construction and care of streets. Captain F. V. Greene, of the United States Army, who is also an officer of the Barber Asphali Company, read a paper urging the use of asphalt pavements, and advocating the contract system of street cleaning. He said that a general system of sphalt pavements would lessen the number of trucks in use by about 8,000, because much heavier loads could be finaled. He also said that the plan of the city above Eighth st. was wrong, in that the long, rectangular blocks should he north and south rather than east and west, so as to allow more streets for the traffic between up and down town. The subject was also discussed by W. J. Coombs, who presided; James S. Coleman, formerly

Coombs, who presided: James S. Coleman, formerly Street Cleaging Commissioner; his successor. Commissioner Loomis; Commissioner Giroy, Consulting Engineer Towle and others.

Mr. Gilroy said it would be impossible to have good pavements so long as corporations are permitted to tear them up at will, and Mr. Loomis said he would like to have a man for every block in the city, to keep the streets clean, but he did not supepse he could get enough money for that.

Among the others present were Carl Schurz, Horace E. Denning, Russell Sturges, J. S. (phylor, Robert Olyphant, William E. Cartiss, Howard Carroll, S. E. P. North, Dorman E. Eaton and Edward Athinson.

NEWS OF THE BASE ALL WORLD.

The Law Committee of the National League met at the office of "The Sporting Times" yesterday. There were present Messrs. Byrne, Dnysters and Day, John 1. Rogers being absent. It was decided to push the trial against John M. Ward, and Mr. Byrne was elected to aid Mr. Duysters in strengthening the League's side of the case. Anderson & Howland, Ward's counsel, have received notice that a motion

trial set at as early a day as possible.

The offer of \$1,000,000 for the franchises of the clubs in the National League proves to have been a genuine one. Tracy, Macfarland, Boardman & Platt, genuine one. Tracy, Macharand, tolonomial & Flats, who represent the syndicate which made the offer, say that their clients are men of means, and are acting in good faith. A letter was first written to Mr. Day in regard to the matter, and he suggested that the offer should be brought to the attention of President Young. Mr. Day said to a Tribune reporter yesterday that \$1,000,000 would not buy the Boston chub alone. President Byrne of the Brooklyns, Isoked upon the whole thing as a joke.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

GILSEY-Judge Charles R. Incalls, of Troy. MUR-RAY HILL-Ex-toverner H. B. Bigelow, of Connecticut-UNION SQUARE-Emilio de Muriaga, Spanish Minister at Washington. WESTMINSTER-Ex-Congressman L. D. Shoemaker, of Pennsylvania. WINDSOR-Theodom M. Pomeroy, of Auburn, N. Y., and Colonel Jonas E. French, of Boston.